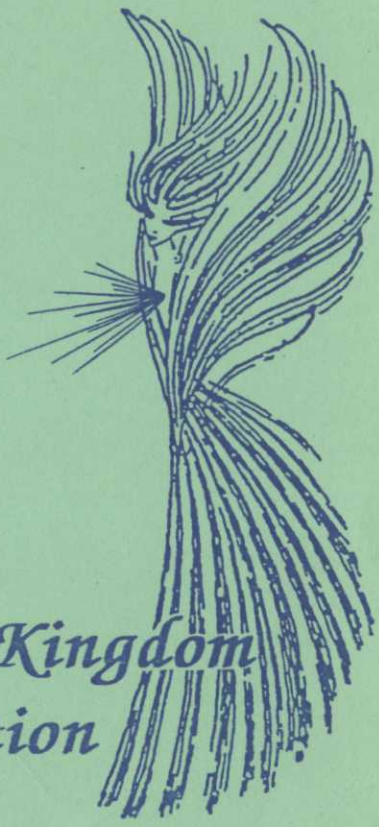

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DEVAS (ANGELS)

DEVA - 'Being of Light' or 'Shining One'

"The devas are the qualities and attributes of matter, the active builders, who work consciously upon the planet." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p468*

"All matter is living matter, or is the vital substance of deva entities. For instance, a plane, and forms built of that particular plane substance, is the material form or sheath of a great deva, who is the essence back of manifestation and the soul of the plane." *ibid p488*

"Working as members of the Hierarchy are a great number of beings called angels by the Christian, and devas by the oriental. Many of them have passed through the human stage long ages ago, and work now in the ranks of the great evolution parallel to the human, and which is called the deva evolution. This evolution comprises among other factors, the builders of the objective planet and the forces which produce, through those builders, every form familiar or unfamiliar. The devas who co-operate with the Hierarchical effort, concern themselves, therefore, with the form aspect, whilst the other members of the Hierarchy are occupied with the development of consciousness within the form." *Initiation Human and Solar p36*

"The devas, with the exception of those greater devas who have in earlier cycles passed through the human kingdom and are now co-operating in the evolution of man, are not yet self-conscious. They grow and develop through *feeling* and not through the power of conscious thought ..... The devas seek to feel, whilst man seeks to know. *ibid p97*

"The goal of the devas (below the rank of solar Pitris) is individualisation, and their objective is to become men in some future cycle." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p836*

"Devas and men differ in appearance. For one thing devas are more fluidic - capable of far greater expansion and contraction. Secondly, they have a certain fiery quality which is clearly distinguishable from that of any ordinary human being. ..... The fluctuations in the aura of a deva are so great as to be startling to those who are not used to them..... The texture of the deva's

aura is, as it were, looser. The same extent of aura in a human being contains more matter, because it is more condensed or concentrated. ..... All of the colours are more fluidic, and of the nature of flame rather than of cloud. A man looks like an exceedingly brilliant, yet delicate cloud of glowing gas, but a deva looks like a mass of fire.

The human form inside the aura of a deva is very much less defined than in man. He lives more in the circumference, more all over his aura than a man does." *The Inner Life Vol II p165-168*

"In connection with manifestation *on the physical plane* the devas may be divided into three groups:

1. *The transmitters of the will of God,* the originators of activity in deva substance. These are the great builders in their various groups.

2. *The manipulators of the initiated energy.* These are the myriads of workers with force who transmit the impulse in their turn to the elemental essence. They are the builders of lesser degree, but are on the evolutionary arc, as are the first group.

3. *The recipients of force,* the sumtotal of living substance of a plane. These lives are passive in the hands of the builders of greater degree." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p890*

"The devas of water find for themselves the path of service in their great work of nourishing all the vegetable and animal life upon the planet; the goal for them is to enter into that higher group of devas which we call the gaseous or fire devas." *ibid p902*

"The *bird kingdom* is specifically allied to the deva evolution. It is the bridging kingdom between the purely deva evolution and the other two manifestations of life." *ibid p895*

"The lowest types of devas or builders on the evolutionary Path are violet devas; next come the green, and, last of all, the white devas. These are all dominated by a fourth and special group. These control the exoteric processes of physical plane existance..." *A Treatise on White Magic p389*

"There are certain large groups of devas, called the 'devas of the shadows', or the violet devas, who are closely allied with the evolutionary development of man's etheric body, and who transmit to him solar and planetary radiation." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p90*

"These devas of the shadows are of a dark purple on the fourth etheric level, of a lighter purple, much the same colour as violet, on the third etheric level, a light violet on the second, whilst on the atomic subplane they are of a glorious

translucent lavender." *ibid p912*

"*Nature Spirits of all Kinds.* ..... they neither have been, nor ever will be, members of a humanity such as ours; their line of evolution is entirely different, and their only connection with us consists in our temporary occupancy of the same planet." *The Astral Plane p57*

"*The Devas.* The highest system of evolution connected with this earth, so far as we know, is that of the beings whom Hindus call the Devas, and who have elsewhere been spoken of as angels, sons of God, etc. They may, in fact, be regarded as a kingdom lying next above humanity, in the same way as humanity in turn lies next above the animal kingdom, but with this important difference, that while for an animal there is no possibility of evolution through any other kingdom but the human, man, when he attains a certain high level, finds various paths of advancement opening before him, of which this great Deva evolution is only one. .....

In oriental literature this word 'Deva' is frequently used vaguely to mean almost any kind of non-human entity, so that it would often include DHYAN CHOHANS on the one hand and nature-spirits and artificial elementals on the other. Here, however, its use will be restricted to the magnificent evolution which we are now considering. Though connected with this earth, the Devas are by no means confined to it, for the whole of our present chain of seven worlds is as one world to them, their evolution being through a grand system of seven chains. Their hosts have hitherto been recruited chiefly from other humanities in the solar system, some higher and some lower than ours, since but a small portion of our own has yet reached the level at which for us it is possible to join them; but it seems certain that some of their very numerous classes have not passed in their upward progress through any humanity at all comparable to ours. It is not possible for us at present to understand very much about them, but it is clear that what may be described as the aim of their evolution is considerably higher than ours; that is to say, while the object of human evolution is to raise the successful portion of humanity to a certain degree of occult development by the end of the seventh round, the object of the Deva evolution is to raise their foremost rank to a very much higher level in the corresponding period. For them, as for us, a steeper but shorter path to still more sublime heights lies open to earnest endeavour; but what those heights may be in their case we can only conjecture." *The Astral Plane p62-5*

"Their three lower great divisions, beginning from the bottom, are generally called Kamadevas, Rupadevas, and Arupadevas, which may be translated as angels of the astral world, the lower heaven-world, and the higher heaven-world respectively Just as our ordinary body here - the lowest body possible for us - is the physical, so the ordinary body of a Kamadeva is the astral; so that he stands in somewhat the same position as humanity will do when it reaches planet F, and he, living ordinarily in an astral body, would go out of it to higher spheres in a mental body just as we might in an astral body, while to enter the causal body would be to him (when sufficiently developed) no greater effort than

to use the mental body might be to us. In the same way the Rupadeva's ordinary body would be the mental ..... while the Arupadeva belongs to the higher levels of that plane, and owns no denser body than the causal. *The Devachanic Plane p140-1*

"But for Rupa- and Arupadevas to manifest on the astral plane is an occurrence at least as rare as for astral entities to materialise on this physical plane ..... As regards the lowest division - the Kamadevas - it would be quite a mistake to think of them as immeasurably superior to ourselves, since some have entered their ranks from a humanity in some respects less advanced than our own; of course the general average among them is much higher than among us, for all that is actively or wilfully evil has long been weeded out from their ranks; but they differ widely in disposition, and a really noble, unselfish, spiritually-minded man may well stand higher in the scale of evolution than some of them. ..... Above the Arupadevas there are four other great divisions, and again, above and beyond the Deva kingdom altogether, stand the great hosts of the DHYAN CHOHANS. ['the great host of the planetary spirits']" *The Astral Plane p62-5*

"In natural evolution what is the role of the deva? He is solely concerned with carrying out in detail the scheme of natural law, on the plan already laid down in the mind of the Logos. ..... This principle applies throughout the whole hierarchy of the deva kingdom, from the highest Arupa Deva down to the smallest nature spirit." *The Sacred Flame p6,7*

"The devas do not come along our line of development, and do not take such initiations as we do, for the two kingdoms converge at a point higher than the adept. There are ways in which a man can enter the deva evolution, even at our own stage, or lower." *The Inner Life Vol II p170*

"All those who work with far vision and all who hold before any seething and bewildered nation an ideal *for the whole* are under His [Master Morya] wide inspiration. Internationalism is the aim of His endeavour. With Him works the great Angel or Deva of the spiritual plane, referred to in the *Treatise on Cosmic Fire* as the Lord Agni; He seeks to touch with the hidden spiritual fire the head centres of all intuitive statesmen. Three great groups of angels - the gold, the flame coloured and the white and gold - work on mental levels with those lesser angels or devas who vitalise thoughtforms and who keep alive the thoughts of the Guides of the race for the benefit of humanity." *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy* A.A.B. *p505*

"The angels and devas are to the vegetable kingdom what the spiritual Hierarchy is to humanity." *Telepathy* A.A.B. *p79*

"The soul of humanity has a unique function to perform in mediating between

three kingdoms in nature and the lower three. The higher three are:

1. The Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet, nature spirits or angels and human spirits, who stand at a peculiar point on the ladder of evolution. Of these Sanat Kumara, embodying a principle of the planetary Logos is the highest, and an initiate of the first degree is the lowest, with corresponding entities in what we call the angel or deva kingdom.

2. The Hierarchy of Rays .....

3. A Hierarchy of Lives ..... " *A Treatise on White Magic* A.A.B. *p47*

"The devas do not suffer pain as does mankind. Their rate of rhythm is steadier although in line with the Law. They learn through application to the work of building and through incorporation into the form of that which is built. They grow through appreciation of and joy in the forms built and the work accomplished. The devas build and humanity breaks and through the shattering of the forms man learns through discontent. Thus is acquiescence in the work of the greater Builders achieved." *Discipleship in the New Age I* A.A.B. *p677*

"VI. Sacral Centre ..... Deva evolution ..... 7th ray ..... 2nd root-race ---------- Responsiveness; the goal The energy of Magnetism. Power to build.

The centres functioning; heart and sacral centres.

Focal point of vibratory response to the 'eye of God'." *Esoteric Astrology* A.A.B. *p456*

"The question may be asked whether the devas undergo initiation, and we might deal briefly with the point here.

Initiation has to do with the conscious development of the self, and concerns the wisdom aspect of the One Self. It presupposes the development of the intelligence principle, and involves the apprehension by the human unit of purpose and will, and his intelligent participation therein through love and service. The devas, with the exception of those greater devas who have in earlier cycles passed through the human kingdom and are now co-operating in the evolution of man, are not as yet self-conscious. They grow and develop through *feeling* and not through the power of conscious thought. Man, however, grows through expansions of self-conscious realisation, self-initiated and self-imposed. It is the line of aspiration and of conscious endeavour, and is the most difficult line of development in the solar system, for it follows not along the line of least resistance, but seeks to initiate and impose a higher rhythm. The devas follow the line of least resistance, and seek to appropriate and experience in the fullest tide of feeling and sentiency the vibration of *things as they are.* Therefore the method for them is an ever-increasing intensity of appreciation for the feeling of the moment, and not, as in man, an ever-increasing depreciation of things as they are, or of the material aspect, which leads to an endeavour to reach out and enfold within his consciousness the subjective reality, or the things of the spirit - this in contradistinction to the

objective unreality, or the things of matter. The devas seek to feel, while man seeks to know. For the former, then, those expansions of consciousness which we call Initiation, exist not, except in the cases of those advanced beings who, having passed through the human stage, both feel and know, and who, under the evolutionary law, expand their knowledge in ever-increasing degree." *Initiation Human and Solar* A.A.B. *p96,7*

"They [the Solar Words of power] affect the deva kingdom and produce the creation of forms. These effects are dual in character -

a. The devas on the evolutionary path, the great builders of the solar system, and those under them who have passed the human stage respond to the sound of the Word [AUM], and with conscious realisation collaborate with the one who has breathed it forth, and thus the work is carried out.

b. The devas on the involutionary arc, the lesser builders, who have not passed through the human stage, also respond to the sound, but unconsciously, or perforce, and through the power of the initiated vibrations build the required forms out of their own substance." *ibid p151*

"Every Word, differentiated or synthesised, affects the deva kingdoms, and hence the form-building aspects of manifestation. No sound is ever made without producing a corresponding response in deva substance, and driving multitudes of tiny lives to take specific forms. These forms persist and carry out their functions just as long as the sound which caused them is prolonged, and the specific will-energy of the one who initiated the sound is directed towards the living form." *ibid p159*

"The devas are the agents of the divine will because they are a consequence of the point of attainment of our planetary Logos as he exists outside the seven planes of our sphere of existence, the cosmic physical plane. They are conditioned by His cosmic astral and mental vehicles. In a definite sense, they *are* the agents of the Universal Mind, even though they are *not mental as we understand that term.* They are sometimes regarded as blind forces, but that is only because they get their inspiration from levels of divine awareness outside the range of the human consciousness, no matter how high, or when used in its widest connotation.

Their controlling Agent in manifestation is the Triangle of Energy to which we give the name the 'The Three Buddhas of Activity'. They are therefore closely connected with the third aspect [ray] of divinity. They are essentially the 'eye within the Triangle' - a most familiar symbol to many today. They are the expression, in activity, of the 'All-Seeing Eye'; through their agency God *sees*, and through them and the energy directed through them, He directs the creative process." *The Rays and the Initiations* A.A.B. *p180*

"In reality angels have vivid individualities and are most fascinating." *The Real World of Fairies p6*

ELEMENTALS

"On a lower scale of the evolutionary ladder, are other groups of lives, wrongly entitled devas, which work in obedience to the law, and are controlled by the higher entities. There are, for instance, the denser forms of gaseous life, termed often salamanders, the elementals of fire. These are directly under the control of the Lord Agni, Lord of the mental plane, and, in this mental age, we have the element of fire entering into the mechanics of living as never before. ..... Basically again, these fiery lives are found in all that burns, and in the warmth that holds all life formation on earth and causes the flourishing of all living things." *A Treatise on White Magic p389*

"All the lesser grades of devas, 'The Army of the Voice', on each plane, the lesser builders and elementals in their myriads, work unconsciously, being guided and directed by words and sound. In this way vibrations are set up in the essence of the planes by the conscious Builders." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p472*

"There is consequently a profound truth in the statement that man is at the 'mercy of the elements'." *ibid p64*

"There are spirits of the earth, water, air, and fire (or ether) - definite intelligent astral entities residing and functioning in each of thse media. It may be asked how it is possible for any kind of creature to inhabit the solid substance of a rock, or the crust of the earth. The answer is that since the nature-spirits are formed of astral matter, the substance of the rock is of no hindrance to their motion or their vision, and furthermore physical matter in its solid state is their natural element - the only one to which they are accustomed and in which they feel at home. The same is true of course for those who live in water, air or ether. In medieval literature, these earth-spirits are often called gnomes, while the water-spirits are spoken of as undines, the air-spirits as sylphs, and the ether-spirits as salamanders. In popular language they are known by many names - fairies, pixies, elves, brownies, peris, djinns, trolls, satyrs, fauns, kobolds, imps, goblins, good people, etc. - some of these titles being applied only to one variety, and others indiscriminately to all. Their forms are many and various, but most frequently human in shape and somewhat diminutive in size. Like almost all inhabitants on the astral plane they are able to assume any appearance at will, but they undoubtedly have definite forms of their own, or perhaps we should rather say favourite forms, which they wear when they have no special object in taking any other.....

There are an immense number of subdivisions or races among them, and

these subdivisions differ in intelligence and disposition precisely as human beings do. The great majority of them apparently prefer to avoid man altogether; his habits and emanations are distasteful to them, and the constant rush of astral currents set up by his restless, ill-regulated desires disturbs and annoys them. .....

Some among the many subdivisions of this class are much less childlike and more dignified than those we have been describing, and it is from these sections that the entities who have sometimes been reverenced under the name of wood-gods, or local village-gods, have been drawn." *The Astral Plane p57-62*

"To the ancients a tree was a living soul, which they called a dryad or some similar name; the visible tree was merely the outer garment of this living being. The dryad did not inhabit the tree, but *was* the tree.

So with other nature-spirits; the astral light is the home of these beings, all of whom are on the path of evolution, each in its appropriate stage; it would be absurd to limit the number of kinds of animate beings to those alone who happen to be on the plane of physical matter." *The Astral Light* - H.T. Edge *p32-3*

"I would suggest that one has to think in terms of a scarcely differentiated pool, in which the psychic energy of the 'elements' earth, air, fire and water exist, mingled like the gases in the air. These elements form themselves into vortices, which become the forms of elementals and fairies when the note is sounded by the Arupa Deva, calling for the production of certain phenomena in the physical world." *The Sacred Flame p7*

"The spirit of a great tree, such as a banyan, not infrequently externalises itself, and when it does so it usually takes on a gigantic human form. ..... There are also nature-spirits which cling around a tree, and do not at all like to be disturbed. I have heard it said that nature-spirits do not cling round the trees which man fells for timber; but such observations as I have been able to make do not bear out this contention, and it seems to me that it must have been invented by men who wished to destroy the tree without feeling any unpleasant twinges of conscience." *The Inner Life Vol II p172*

"Almost all fairies are concerned with the processes of nature." *The Real World of Fairies p5*

"So much chemical and synthetic pollution is now occurring through streams and lakes that even that is causing upset for many woods and garden fairies. ..... Fairies are very sensitive to these things which man so casually and mistakenly does." *The Real World of Fairies p116*

"They [elementals] are usually small, but vary greatly in size and are

enormously different in character and function." *ibid p6*

"Elemental life, like that of fairies, is also in close touch with human beings. Fairy life, which is quite distinct from elemental forms though it proceeds from them in an evolutionary sense, has many remarkable contacts with the human line." *ibid p6*

"This is perhaps the best place in which to mention those wonderful and important Beings, the four Devarajahs. In this name the word Deva must not, however, be taken in the sense in which we have been using it, for it is not over the Deva kingdom but over the four 'elements' of earth, water, air and fire, with their indwelling nature-spirits and essences, that these four Kings rule. What the evolution has been through which they rose to their present height of power and wisdom we cannot tell, save only that it has certainly not passed through anything corresponding to our own humanity. They are often spoken of as the Regents of the Earth, or Angels of the four cardinal points, ... the points of the compass ..... east, south, west and north, and their symbolical colours white, blue, red and gold. The are mentioned in *The Secret Doctrine* as 'winged globes and fiery wheels'; and in the Christian bible Ezekial makes a very remarkable attempt at a description of them in which very similar words are used. References to them are found in the symbology of every religion, and they have always been held in the highest reverence as the protectors of mankind. It is they who are the agents of man's Karma during his life on earth, and they thus play an extremely important part in human destiny ..... A learned dissertation on these marvellous beings will be found in *The Secret Doctrine, vol i, pp. 122-126.* ..... All the higher nature-spirits and hosts of artificial elementals act as their agents in the stupendous work they carry out, yet all the threads are in their hands, and the whole responsibility rests on them alone. It is not often that they manifest upon the astral plane, but when they do they are certainly the most remarkable of its non-human inhabitants." *The Astral Plane p66-7*

CONTACT BETWEEN THE HUMAN AND DEVA KINGDOMS

"It can be seen, therefore, how necessary it is that the functions of the devas of all grades be comprehended. It is, however, equally important that man should refrain from the manipulation of these forces of nature until such time as he 'knows' himself, and his own powers, and until he has fully unfolded the consciousness of the ego [soul]; then, and only then, can he safely, wisely, and intelligently co-operate in the plan. As yet, for the average man or even the advanced man this is dangerous to attempt and impossible to accomplish." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p615*

"As conditions of harmony gradually evolve out of the present world chaos, devas and human beings will meet as friends ..... At the beginning of this period of recognition, men will principally contact the violet devas, for those of the higher ranks amongst them are definitely making the attempt to contact the human .....

Some of the groups of devas to be contacted on the physical plane are as follows:

Four groups of violet devas, associated with the etheric doubles of all that exists on the physical plane .....

The green devas of the vegetable kingdom ..... They are of high development, and will be contacted principally along the lines of magnetisation. The greater devas of this order preside over the magnetic spots of the earth, guard the solitude of the forests, reserve intact spaces on the planet which are required to be kept inviolate ..... Just as the Masters are endeavouring to prepare humanity for service when the World Teacher comes, so these Raja Lords are working along similar lines in connection with the devas. They are arduous in Their work, intense in Their zeal, but much obstructed by man.

The white devas of the air and water who preside over the atmosphere work with certain aspects of electrical phenomena, and control the seas, rivers and streams. From among them, at a certain stage in their evolution, are gathered the guardian angels of the race when in physical plane incarnation." *ibid p913*

"There are three more points to add to the four already given, concerning primarily the relationship of the devas to man in the future, and their closer approximation to him through the incoming type of force. This approximation, though inevitable, will not have for the human hierarchy results entirely beneficent, and before the true method of contact is comprehended, and the consequent association wisely utilised, much suffering will eventuate and much bitter experience will be undergone. When it is remembered that the devas are, in their totality, the mother aspect, the great builders of form, and the

nourishers of that which is as yet unable to guard itself, any return of man to a closer dependence upon the devas is as if a full grown man returned to the care of his mother, offering up his self-reliance in exchange for material benefit. The devas are the mother of the form, but the self-conscious unit, MAN, should realise his independence of the form, and should follow the path of Self-expression. This should be pondered on, for in days to come (when units here and there contact the devas, and inevitably pay the penalty) it may be helpful if the reason is understood, and man realises his necessary separation from these Essences *in the three worlds.* Approach between the two lines of evolution becomes possible on the plane of buddhi [soul or true intuition], but then it is an approach of two essences, and not an approach of the concrete to the essence. Man, while functioning in material, substantial forms in the three worlds, may not trespass across the separating line between the two evolutions. Only on the planes of solar fire or on the cosmic etheric levels may contact be permitted; on the planes of the cosmic dense physical plane (our mental, astral and physical planes) disaster only results from contact. I have dwelt on this point, for the danger is real, and near at hand. *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p472,3*

"Speech is one of the keys which opens the doors of communication between man and subtler beings." [mantrams and formulae] *ibid p981*

"As the goal of evolution for the devas is the inner hearing, it will be apparent why mantric sounds and balanced modulations are the method of contacting them." *ibid p668*

"It can be stated as a principle that the driving force on the path of outgoing is desire or *kama*, whereas the drving power on the path of reurn is will or *atma.* These different forces determine the relationship of man to nature, and therefore to the Devic kingdom, at different stages. Both these powers, however, are shaped and guided by the thinking of man. According to whether his thoughts are filled with desire, or are influenced by will, their impact on the deva kingdom would be of quite a different quality. .....

Every thought evokes a certain response from the devic world. The nature and strength of this response will exactly correspond to the quality and strength of the thought itself. Thus an impersonal and inspired thought born at the level of Buddhi-manas will automatically send out its call and attract a response from the Arupa Devas, but a thought animated by desire will correspondingly attract the Kama devas belonging to the Rupa levels." *The Sacred Flame p13,14*

"The relationship of the spiritualized man to the devic kingdom is intrinsically without danger provided he is *fully* spiritualized, that is, when he has reached a point of experience considerably in advance of the majority of mankind today. The pattern of the interrelationship between man and deva is then transformed from one involving a certain degree of struggle and resistance, to one of swift co-operation as between equals. The *Daimon* is then no longer the demon,

equated with Satan, who is so often depicted with the same attributes as Nature or Pan, but is seen in very truth as the spirit which creates.

True creation is a prerogative of the Logos and of man. The devas themselves are not original creators but angels - literally, messengers or agents of the creative being. In Nature they serve only the Logos, but when man develops his spiritual side, he begins to acquire some of the qualities of the Logos of whom he is a small-scale reflection. Hence the devas - or, to be more exact and also more humble, certain orders of them - become at least potentially the servants of man as well as of the Logos. It is worth coupling man and the Logos in this manner because it indicates that the only legitimate way for man to command the devas is when he is functioning consciously in line with the Divine Mind - i.e. as a spiritual, not as a natural and instinctive being. It is certainly possible for man directly to command and control the more material orders of devas and elementals at the lower mental, emotional, and etheric levels. But to do so deliberately is what is called black or at least grey magic ..... The true point of conscious contact or influence, however, should be through the *antahkarana* on to the Arupa Devas of the Buddhi-Manasic levels." *The Sacred Flame p22,23*

"Certain mechanisms aimed at invoking angelic help have always been practised throughout human history in the rituals of ceremonial and magic, and in the use of mantrams. Such ceremonies are, however, intrinsically unnecessary, and in fact, when they become stereotyped and their inner meaning is lost, they become sterile. Even if they remain effective in calling the devas to take part, they fail to achieve their original purpose because that purpose has been forgotten or distorted. On the other hand, increasingly intelligent appreciation of ritual forms eventually leads to a realization that the ritual itself can finally be eliminated. It serves, or has served, as an intermediary, an indirect means to communicate human intentions to the angels. But such communication can become direct, from mind to mind, as it were, when the human mind learns to function at the unitary or 'Arupa' level of the Buddhi-Manasic plane." *ibid p25*

"The requisite factor is that there should be a space between the human mind and the angelic world, across which man can learn to recognize the existence of such a kingdom. Kama-manas alone will never do this, the quality of Buddhi, the intuition is required. In order to make this effective in action Buddhi must be supported by the power of will, Atma. .....

We have to learn that the rivalry between man and nature served its purpose only so long as man was divided against himself. The integrated, spiritualized man knows that he and nature are one, but that by virtue of his humanity, and the essential quality of that humanity, he can transform objective nature by the use of his will in precisely the same way as he can transform his own character.

Increasing awareness is the key to the whole problem. For awareness of self is impossible without awareness of what the lower mind calls not-self. For the higher mind knows that all is self, that the whole universe is one Being, and

that each one of us, apparently separate and discrete - deva or man - god or animal - is, in a paradoxical way, that Being." *ibid p29*

"They [devas] are usually quite willing to expound and exemplify subjects along their own line to any human being who is sufficiently developed to appreciate them. Much instruction is being given in this way; but most people have not prepared themselves for it, and so are unable to profit by it. We know nothing of any rule or limit for the work of the devas; they have more lines of activity than we can imagine." *The Inner Life Vol II p170*

"I am endeavouring to give you a general idea of the dangers incident in the too early development of the powers achieved in meditation. I seek to sound a note - not of discouragement - but of insistence upon physical purity, on emotional stability and on mental equilibrium before the student passes on to greater knowledge. Only as the channel opens to the intuition and closes to the animal nature can a man wisely proceed with his work. Only as the heart enlarges its capacity to suffer with all that breathes, to love all that is contacted, and to understand and sympathise with the least desirable of God's creatures, can the work go forward as desired. Only when the development is equable, only when the intellect runs not too far ahead of the heart, and the mental vibration shuts not out the higher one of the Spirit can the student be trusted to acquire powers that, wrongly used, may result in disaster to his environment as well as to himself. Only as he formulates no thoughts save such as he *purposes* to make for the helping of the world can he be trusted wisely to manipulate through matter. Only as he has no desire save to find out the plans of the master, and then to assist definitely in making those plans facts in manifestation, can he be trusted with the formulas that will bring the devas of lesser degree under his control. The dangers are so great and the perils that beset the unwary student so many that before I proceed further I have sought to urge caution." *Letters on Occult Meditation* A.A.B. *p90,1*

"Forms used in calling devas and elementals. ..... The mantrams and forms used in contacting the devas, angels or builders, and in calling the elementals or sub-human forms of existence, are practically the same .....

Therefore in studying occult lore you need to remember two things:-

a. You control elemental forces.

b. You co-operate with the devas.

In one you dominate, in the other case you endeavour to work with. You control through the *activity* [third ray] *aspect*, by the definite doing of certain things, by the preparation of certain ceremonies, for instance, through which certain forces can play. ..... The Ceremonial Ray, by coming into incarnation at this time, is making things much easier along this particular line.

Fire elementals, water sprites, and the lower elementals can all be harnessed by rites. The rites are of three kinds:-

1. Protective rites, which concern your own protection.
2. Rites of appeal, which call and reveal the elementals.
3. Rites that control and direct them when summoned.

In working with the devas you use the *wisdom or love* [second ray] aspect, the second aspect of the Logos, the building aspect. Through love and longing you reach them and your first step (as you are on the path of evolution, as they are) is to get in touch with them, for together you must work in the future for the guidance of the elemental forces and the helping of humanity. It is not safe for human beings, poor foolish things, to tamper with the forces of involution until they themselves are linked with the devas through purity of character and nobility of soul.

Through rites and ceremonies you can sense the devas and reach them, but not in the same manner nor for the same reason that you can the elementals. The devas attend ceremonies freely and are not summoned; they come, as you do, to tap the power. When your vibrations are pure enough the ceremonies serve as a common meeting-ground.

..... I want to say in closing that when you have learned to use the activity aspect in work with the involutionary powers, and the wisdom aspect in co-operating with the devas, you will then *unitedly* pass on to use the first aspect, that of will or power [first ray]." *Letters on Occult Meditation* A.A.B. *p173-176*

For further information on mantrams to be used in work with elementals and devas see Letters on Occult Meditation p177-189

"Some day the lesser forms will be gradually given out to those who have prepared themselves, and who unselfishly work for the helping of the race. As I said earlier, they were known in Atlantean days. They led to dire results at that time, for they were used by those of unclean life, for selfish ends and evil purpose. They called the elemental hosts to perpetuate their vengeance on their enemies; the called the lesser devas, and utilised their powers to further their ambitions; they sought not to co-operate with the law, but to wield that law for physical plane schemes which originated in their desires. The ruling Hierarchy deemed the danger too great, for the evolution of men and devas was threatened, so They withdrew gradually from the human consciousness the knowledge of the formulas and Words until such a time as the reason was developed somewhat, and the spiritual mind showed signs of awakening. In this way the two great evolutions, and the latent third evolution (composed of involutionary lives) were separated and shut off from each other. Temporarily the whole scale of vibraton was slowed down, for the original purpose had been a parallel development. The secret of this apparent setting back of the plans of the Logos lies hid in the remnants of active cosmic Evil that had found their way into manifestation, - a remnant of the first or activity solar system, and the basis of this, the love system. Evil is but the sediment of unfinished karma and has its root in ignorance.

This separation on a threefold scale of the evolving and the involving lives has continued up tp date. With the coming in of this seventh Ray of Ceremonial

Magic, a tentative approximation of the two evolving groups is to be somewhat permitted, though not as yet with the involving group. Remember this statement. The deva and human evolution will, during the next five hundred years, become somewhat more conscious of each other, and be able therefore more freely to co-operate. With this growing consciousness will be found a seeking after methods of communication. When the need for communication for constructive ends is sincerely felt, then, under the guidance of the Masters, will certain of the old mantrams be permitted circulation. Their action, interaction and reaction will be closely studied and watched. It is hoped that the benefit to both groups will be mutual. The human evolution should give strength to the deva, and the deva, joy to the human. Man should communicate to the devas the objective point of view, while they in turn will pour in on him their healing magnetism. They are the custodians of prana, magnetism and vitality, just as man is the custodian of the fifth principle, or manas [mind]." *Letters on Occult Meditation* A.A.B. *p181-183*

"The evolution known in the east as the Deva evolution is known to us as the angel evolution, and it is parallel to the human. There are many different deva hierarchies and many different types of devas, both sub-human and super-human. It is an occult fact that all life-streams on this planet are on the way to being or are on the way out of being human; have been human or gone beyond human. The human stage is the central stage through which all lower stages go on the way to higher. There is a very close relationship between some aspects of the deva evolution and the human, in the sense that the human evolution is positive and the deva's is negative. At some point in the far, far distant future it is part of the Divine Plan that these two evolutions should come together. We will then have the divine hermaphrodite - the positive male human aspect and the negative female deva aspect will come together in the one body. .....

The deva evolution and the human evolution will come together closer and closer and we shall work very closely together in the coming age. Already, any Initiate of a certain degree works with the deva evolution, and gradually mankind will learn to work with the healing devas, with the violet devas and green devas, who will teach him how to heal etherically. You know that we have a physical body and a counterpart to this physical body which is made up of the etheric matter of the planet. This, our etheric body, is in, and extends beyond, our physical body. ..... When we begin to work with the deva evolution they will show us how to control our etheric body, how to heal it, how to bring it into a state of equilibrium and keep it there; and a very close, definite rapport will take place between these two evolutions, quite apart from the long distance aim of becoming ONE.

There are groups of Devas with which man has no direct contact, but which play a crucial role in transmitting to us prana from the sun. Without these Devic lives and Humanity itself, this planet would die. Both are clearing houses of energy for the lower kingdoms. .....

Certain high devas too, were on the moon. They act, with man, as the transmitters of energy from the sun to the low kingdoms - to the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdom - to the physical body of the planet itself. They vitalise, in a way which only these devas and mankind can vitalise - through the

transmission of prana - the lower kingdoms. Without man, and without these particular devas, the lower kingdoms would die.

But would the devas die if we were not here? They would not. Part of the function of these devas is to transmit prana to us. So their function would be disturbed, there would be an energetic over-balance ..... Unless we step down the energy through us to them the animal kingdom would die. ..... We [Angels plus Initiates] act as transformers by transmitting it. It goes into the world at lower voltage and therefore is more acceptable, more accessible, more usable, by mankind.

If the energy of the sun passed through the high devas but not through humanity, there would be a stage where it was not transformed. The bodies of the animal kingdom are not refined enough to accept prana at the level which it would receive from the devas and they would gradually die out." *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom* - Benjamin Creme *p212-214*

PREPARATIONS FOR MAKING CONTACT

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THOROUGH PERSONAL PREPARATION IS MADE BEFORE CONTACT IS ATTEMPTED WITH THE DEVIC KINGDOM.

- ❑ Development of a resilient, balanced physical body.
- ❑ Development of the mental body and a stilling of the astral body; development of impersonal and inspired thought and the stilling of desire.
- ❑ Purification at all levels.
- ❑ Development of Self-awareness and independence.
- ❑ Personality integration and overshadowing by the soul so that intentions are pure and there is no thought of personal gain.
- ❑ Occult learning; the study and practice of ritual and ceremony, mantrams, formulae and Words of Power.
- ❑ The opening of love, intuition and will; the closing to the animal nature. Development of the head and heart unison.
- ❑ Development of the desire to discover and serve the Plan.
- ❑ The development of humility and the desire to co-operate in love with the Devic Kingdom for the evolution and empowerment of the planet.

PHYSICAL PURITY, EMOTIONAL STABILITY, MENTAL EQUILIBRIUM AND THE ABILITY TO REMAIN GROUNDED ARE CRUCIAL ATTRIBUTES FOR ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE DEVIC REALM.

PRACTICAL WAYS OF MAKING CONTACT

1. SINCERE SELFLESS DESIRE FOR CONTACT

2. WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE ANGELIC KINGDOM

3. MANTRAMS AND FORMULAE
   - ❑ See *Letters on Occult Meditation p177-189*

4. INVOCATIONS
   - ❑ See *The Brotherhood of Angels and Men p87-91*

5. THOUGHT AND WILL
   - ❑ Try sitting quietly in a mountainous area, or by a boiling river, or beside a thundering ocean. Silence yourself and wait.
   - ❑ Sit quietly and still yourself. Imagine as best you can this wondrous Devic power, in whatever way it comes to you, and hold it deeply in your awareness. Feel the smallness of you and the vast largeness of it. See yourself seated before the Deva, looking up at it, or out at it, so that you will begin to take in the deeper rhythm that always exists when things are in their natural state. Have a sense of what it would be like if you could work in harmony with this great being.

6. USE OF THE ANTAHKARANA / ATTUNEMENT THROUGH THE HIGHER SELF

7. RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL
   - ❑ See *The Brotherhood of Angels and Men p81-86*
   - ❑ See *The Kingdom of the Gods p183-202*

8. CREATION OF A SANCTUARY OR SHRINE
   - ❑ Set apart
   - ❑ Used exclusively for this purpose
   - ❑ Preferably outdoors
   - ❑ Needs complete cleanliness and an atmosphere of utter purity
   - ❑ Use of candles, gems, things from nature etc

9. MEDITATION AND PRAYER
   - ❑ Still yourself. Connect with your Higher Self, that spiritual essence

which is everything that is good in you. Feel it centred in you heart; feel great peace and serenity there. Hold yourself in that peace; become one with it. Feel light and peace and love radiating from that inner source. (By our very peace we attract the devic kingdom) Think of the fairies, elves, nature and tree spirits in the area. Feel yourself in harmony with them. Send them your love and peace. Think of the nature devas in their power and beauty. Acknowledge them and send them your blessing. Hold in your attention the whole devic kingdom, from the humblest nature spirit to the greatest archangel; feel their presence in the world spreading light, love and peace; feel their presence uplift you. Dwell for a time in that presence. Bring your consciousness back to your heart; feel the peace and upliftment you have gained. Visualise yourself as a channel for the angelic kingdom. Bring your centre of consciousness back to your heart. Remain for a time in the peace and oneness. With deep gratitude and humility thank the angels and nature spirits for their presence.

- ❑ Seated near a mountain,lake, forest or the sea seek to connect in love, through you Higher Self, with the spirit of the area. Allow the vibrations of the place to wash over you and affirm your connection.
- ❑ Say slowly and with intent: Power universal, Life indwelling, mind all-pervading, I am one with Thee. Gods of Power, Life and Mind I greet thee. In the Self of the Universe, we are one. I am that Self, that Self am I.
- ❑ Simple centering and attunement e.g. with the healing angels prior to doing healing work.

10. AFFIRMATION

- ❑ e.g. an affirmation of unity with a tree deva and tree consciousness. Each word should be uttered with full realisation of its meaning. The affirmation may usefully be made the subject of meditation, in order to produce a deepening realisation of unity, first with the life and consciousness of the tree, later with all nature. Such communion benfits not only human and tree consciousness, but also helps forward the evolution of the tree deva. 'Greetings, beautiful tree. Our life is one with yours.'

11. UNCONDITIONAL LOVE / WISDOM

12. BREATHWORK

- ❑ A 'Re-earthing' breathwork session either solo with a facilitator, or in a group, to allow a connection with the earth, nature, and the devic / angelic kingdom. N.B. It is important to have a skilled trained facilitator for any breathwork sessions.

13. CONSCIOUS ATTUNEMENT WITH NATURE AND MOTHER EARTH

- ❑ Especially when gardening, or walking in natural surroundings.

14. KINESIOLOGY

- ❑ Go outside. This links you symbolically with nature. Direct your attention to nature - to the nature intelligences. Sense that they are waiting to connect with you. Say aloud: 'I would like to be formally linked with the devic realm.' Wait a few seconds , then muscle test to check your connection. Feel the connection, then say aloud: 'I now request that we work in a creative partnership.' Muscle test to check whether the partnership is accepted. (For detailed information see *The Perelandra Garden Workbook p31,2*)

CONTACT IS MADE THROUGH LOVE; IN SIMPLICITY, PURITY, DIRECTNESS AND IMPERSONALITY FOR THE UPLIFTMENT AND GOOD OF ALL, IN BOTH THE DEVIC AND HUMAN KINGDOM. IT IS NEVER TO BE MADE WITHOUT A DEFINITE AND LAWFUL PURPOSE.

THE WORK OF DIFFERENT DEVA TYPES

"For the *violet* devas the path of attainment lies through feeling, and through educating the race in the perfecting of the physical body in its two departments.

For the *green* devas the path of service is seen in magnetisation, of which the human race knows nothing as yet. Through this power they act as the protectors of the vegetable plant life, and of the sacred spots of the earth; in their work lies the safety of man's body, for from the vegetable kingdom for the remainder of the round comes the nourishment of that body.

For the *white* devas the path of service lies in the guarding of the individuals of the human family, in the care and segregation of types, in the control of the water and air elementals, and much that concerns the fish kingdom.

Thus in the service of humanity in some form or another lies attainment for these physical plane devas. They have much to give and do for humanity, and in time it will be apparent to the human unit what he has to give towards the perfecting of the deva kingdom. A great hastening of their evolution goes forward now coincident with that of the human family.

There is another group of devas about which much may not as yet be communicated. They have come in from another planetary scheme, and are specialists in their particular line. They have attained, or passed through, the human kingdom, and are of equal rank with certain members of the Hierarchy, having chosen to stay and work in connection with the physical plane evolution. They are not many in number, being only twelve. Four work in the violet group, five in the green group, and two in the white, with a presiding officer of rank equal to a Chohan. The number of the deva evolution is six, as that of man is now five, and as ten stands for perfected man, so twelve stands for perfection in the deva kingdom. This group presides over the other three earlier enumerated. Certain subsidiary groups are found.

Under Group 1 are found all the elementals working with the etheric doubles of men, all the elementals forming the etheric bodies wherein is life, and all the elementals working with the etheric counterparts of so-called inanimate objects. ..... The violet devas are on the evolutionary path; the elementals are on the involutionary path, the goal for them being to pass into the deva kingdom of violet hue.

Under Group 2 work the fairies of plant life, the elves who build and paint the flowers, the radiant little beings who inhabit the woods and the fields, the elementals who work with the fruits, vegetables, and with all that leads to the covering of the earth's surface with verdure. Associated with them are the lesser devas of magnetisation, those attached to the sacred spots, to talismans and to stones, and also a special group to be found around the habitations of the Masters wherever situated.

Under Group 3 work the elementals of the air and the sea, the nymphs, the water fairies, and the devas who guard each human being." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p914.5*

FUTURE WORK TO BE DONE

"The deva evolution will, through this seventh Ray force have much to do with the transmission of prana to units of the three higher kingdoms of nature, and this easier transmission (from the etheric levels of the physical plane) will parallel a correspondingly easier transmission of spiritual or psychical force from the fourth cosmic ether, the buddhic plane. The results of this pranic transmission will be more healthy physical bodies among the sons of men. ..... The etheric devas will build during a particularly favourable period, and the physical bodies then constructed will be distinguished by:

a. Resilience,

b. Enormous physical magnetism,

c. Ability to reject false magnetism,

d. Capacity to absorb solar rays,

e. Great strength and resistance,

f. A delicacy and refinement in appearance as yet unknown.

The etheric levels of the plane will be full of an increased activity, and slowly but surely, as the decades slip away, man will become conscious of these levels, and aware of their inhabitants. ..... Man's vision being then normally etheric, will have the effect of forcing him to recognise that which is now called the 'unseen world', or the superphysical. Men in their etheric bodies will be noted, and communicated with, and the devas and elementals of the ethers will be studied and recognised. .....

The work of the devas in connection with the animal and the vegetable kingdoms will be likewise recognised, and much that is now possible through ignorance will become impossible and obsolete. *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p474,5*

"The foundation of the new Church, which will be no longer along devotional and idealistic lines but which will be an outgrowth of the old idealism, demonstrating through mental forms. It will have for its basis the scientific recognition of the unseen world and its due appreciation and apprehension by means of accurate scientific ceremonial. This ceremonial of the universal church - being founded on the mental unity of all peoples - will not be ceremonial as it is now understood, as it will be the guarded, guided, scientific utilisation of sound and colour to bring about certain desired ends, such as

The aligning of the Ego,

The influencing of groups,

The making of contact with the Occult Hierarchy,

The co-operation with the devas in order to further the constructive ends of evolution,

and many other objects which will grow out of the scientific comprehension of the constitution of man, the nature of vibration or radioactivity, and the demonstrated reality of the hitherto metaphysical hypothesis and religious dogma of the unseen world of thought and of spiritual existence." *ibid p454*

"..... at this time the seventh Ray of Ceremonial Magic will have a powerful influence:

On the seventh or physical plane, regarding it as a unit.

On the seventh subplane or the lowest subplane on the physical, the astral and the mental planes.

On the seventh or lowest human principle: prana in the etheric body.

On all Monads in incarnation who are seventh Ray Monads.

On a peculiar group of devas who are the agents, or 'mediates', between magicians (either white or black) and the elemental forces. This group is occultly known as 'The Mediatory Seventh', and is divided into two divisions:

a. Those working with evolutionary forces.

b. Those working with involutionary forces.

One group is the agent of constructive purposes, and the other of destructive. ..... The Masons eventually will be one of the chief agents of contact ....." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p466*

"The blending of the deva or angel evolution and the human. This is a mystery which will be solved as man arrives at the consciousness of his own solar Angel, only to discover that that too is also but a form of life which, having served its purpose, must be left behind. The Angel or deva evolution is one of the great lines of force, contained in the divine expression and the solar angels, the Agnishvattas of *The Secret Doctrine* and *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* belong - in their form aspect - to this line." *A Treatise on White Magic p100*

"First, in about ten years time [1946] the first ether, with all that is composed of that matter, will be recognised scientific fact, and the scientists who work intuitionally will come to recognise the devas of that plane. People coming into incarnation on this seventh ray will have the eyes that see, and the purple devas and the lesser devas of the etheric body will be visioned by them.

Secondly, when He Whom both angels and men await, will approach near unto this physical plane, He will bring with Him not only some of the Great Ones and the Masters, but some of the Devas who stand to the deva evolution as the Masters to the human. Forget not that the human evolution is but one of many, and that this is a period of crisis among the devas likewise. The call has gone forth for them to approach humanity, and with their heightened vibration

and superior knowledge unite their forces with those of humanity, for the progression of the two evolutions. They have much to impart anent colour and sound, and their effect upon the etheric bodies of men and animals. When that which they have to give is apprehended by the race, physical ills will be nullified and attention will be centred upon the infirmities of the astral or emotional body.

These violet devas of the four ethers form, as you may imagine, four great groups with seven subsidiary divisions. These four groups work with the four types of men now in incarnation, for it is a statement of fact that at no time in this round are more than four types of men in incarnation at any time. Four rays dominate at any given period, with one in excess of the other three. I mean by this, that only four rays are in physical incarnation; for on the plane of the soul all seven types are of course found. ..... The four groups of devas are a band of servers to the Lord, and their special work is to contact men and to give them definite and experimental teaching.

They will instruct in the effect of colour in the healing of disease, especially the effect of the violet light in the lessening of human ills and in the cure of those physical plane sicknesses which have their origin in the etheric body or double.

They will teach men to see etherically, by heightening human vibration by action of their own.

They will demonstrate to the materialistic thinkers of the world the fact that the superconscious states exist - not the superhuman only - and will also make clear the hitherto unrecognised fact that other beings, beside the human, have their habitat on earth.

They will also teach the sounding of the tones that correspond to the gradations of violet, and through that sounding enable man to utilise the ethers, as he now utilises physical plane matter for his various needs.

They will enable human beings so to control the ethers that weight will be for them transmuted, and motion will be intensified, becoming more rapid, more gliding, noiseless, and therefore less tiring. In the human control of the etheric levels lie the lessening of fatigue, rapidity of transit, and the ability to transcend time. Until this prophecy is a fact in consciousness, its meaning is obscure.

They will also teach men how rightly to nourish the body and to draw from the surrounding ethers the requisite food. Man will in the future concentrate more on the sound condition of the etheric body, and the functioning of the dense physical body will become practically automatic.

They will enable human beings, as a race, and not as individuals, to expand their consciousness so that it will embrace the superphysical. Forget not the important fact that in the accomplishment of this the *web* that divides the physical plane from the astral plane will be discovered by the scientists, and its purpose will eventually be acknowledged. With that discovery will come the power to penetrate the web, and so link up consciously with the astral body. Another material unification will have been accomplished.

Then what else will occur, and what will be the method of approach to these devas?

More and more during the next fifteen years [to 1951], will men receive definite

teaching, often subconsciously, from devas to whom they are linked. This will be done telepathically at first. Doctors today get much information from certain devas There are two great devas belonging to the green group on mental levels who assist in this work, and some physicians get much knowledge subjectively from a violet deva working on the atomic subplane of the physical plane, aided by a deva of the causal level who works with, or through, their egos [souls]. As men learn to sense and recognise the devas, more and more teaching will be given. They teach in three ways:

a. By means of intuitional telepathy.

b. Through demonstration of colour, proving the accomplishment of certain things in this way.

c. By definite musical sounds, which will cause vibrations in the ethers, which in their turn will produce forms.

The ether will eventually appear to the enhanced vision of humanity to have more substance than it now has, and as etheric vision increases, the ethers will be recognised as being strictly physical plane matter. Therefore when in sickness men shall call a deva, when that deva can destroy diseased tissue by sounding a note that will result in the elimination of the corrupt tissue, when by the presence caused by the vibration new tissue is visibly built in, then the presence of these devas will be generally acknowledged and their power will be utilised.

By what means will their presence be realised and their powers employed?

First of all, by a definite development of the human eye, which will then see that which is now unseen. It will be a change within the eye, and not a form of clairvoyance. [A change in the construction of the rods and cones.]

Next, by a steady experimentation with invocations, and through their use the method of calling the devas will be discovered. This development must be approached with caution, for to the unprotected it leads to disaster. Hence the necessity to inculcate pure living, the learning of protective invocations and formulas, and the power of the church and of Masonry to protect. Forget not that evil entities exist on other planes than the physical, that they can respond to analogous vibrations, and that the invocations that call a deva may, if sounded inaccurately, call a being that will work havoc. In ritual lies protection. Hence the emphasis laid upon church forms and on the Masonic rituals, - an emphasis which will increase and not grow less as the years slip by. The force of invocations will be known later." *Esoteric Psychology I* A.A.B. *p122-126*

"Initiates receive instruction directly from the Masters or from some of the great devas or angels. These teachings are usually imparted at night in small classes, or individually (should the occasion warrant it)....." *Initiation Human and Solar* A.A.B. *p69*

"[Rules for Applicants for initiation] Rule 10

'The Army of the Voice, the devas in their serried ranks, work ceaselessly. Let the

disciple apply himself to the consideration of their methods; let him learn the rules whereby that Army works within the veils of Maya.'

..... Though it is not safe for the uninitiated to tamper with the parallel evolution of the devas, yet it is necessary and safe to investigate the procedure pursued by the builders, the methods followed by them, in reproducing from the archetype, via the etheric that which we call physical manifestation; their groups must be somewhat theoretically cognised, and the sounds whereby they are swept into activity considered. This involves, therefore, the organised study, by all applicants, of:

1. The purpose of sound.

2. The esoteric meaning of words, of grammar, and of syntax.

3. The laws of vibration and of electricity, and many other subsidiary studies which concern themselves with the manifestation of divinity and consciousness through the medium of deva substance and the activity of the controlling devas. The laws of the macrocosm will be investigated, and the correspondence between the activities of the microcosm, and the active manifestation of the macrocosm will be recognised." *Initiation Human and Solar* A.A.B. *p203*

THE COSMIC PURPOSE

"It must be remembered that the sumtotal of human and deva units upon a planet make the *body vital* of a planetary Logos, whilst the sumtotal of lesser lives upon a planet (from the material bodies of men or devas down to the other kingdoms of nature) form His *body corporeal*, and are divisible into two types of such lives:

a. Those on the evolutionary arc, such as the animal kingdom.

b. Those on the involutionary arc, such as the totality of all elemental material forms within His sphere of influence. All the involutionary lives, as earlier pointed out, form the vehicles for the spirit of the planet, or the planetary entity, who is the sumtotal of the elemental essences in process of involution. He holds a position (in relation to a Heavenly Man) analogous to that held by the different elementals that go to the make-up of man's three bodies, physical, astral and mental, and he is - like all manifesting beings - threefold in his nature, but involutionary. Therefore, man and devas (differentiating the devas from the lesser Builders) form the SOUL of a Heavenly Man. Other lives form his BODY, and it is with body and soul that we are concerned..... Man bridges in essence; the devas bridge in matter." *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire p301,2* (See also more on human and planetary evolution p302 ff)

"Humanity can now intelligently work with the presented Plan, and this for the first time in human history. I would have you note this. Man can now do their little share in bringing the divine Purpose into manifestation, because they have now unfolded the needed mental capacity. The control and the creative development of the three lower kingdoms in nature is slowly being taken out of the hands of the deva evolution (hitherto responsible) and placed under the supervision of mankind; as it is said in the ancient Archives of the Masters:

'Eventually the solar Lords, through manas (the mind) will control the lunar lords of elemental substance, and not alone their own but that which looks to them for aid. Thus will redemption come to all through man, and thus the glory of the Lord of Life be seen.'

Focussed intention, concentrated meditation, visualisation, directed invocation (producing evocation) and leading to responsive results, are the major processes of creation upon all levels and by all beings. Prayer, focussed desire, meditation and focussed intention are the graded and sequential lessons which mankind has to learn. Worship, or recognition of divine Transcendence and divine Immanence underlies all the mass recognition of spiritual potency. Thus the meditation of the planet penetrates into that which lies beyond the planet and is fused and blended in a solar sense with the Voice of Him Who has brought all into being, and with the Will of Him Who is carrying all forms of His livingness

towards the perfection which He purposes; in so doing, the great processes of *Redemption* are furthered, to which all World Saviours (in relation to humanity) are the symbol, the guarantee and the eternal testimony." *Discipleship in the New Age Vol II p223,4*

DANGERS FROM THE DEVA EVOLUTION

"You will remember how it has been said earlier in these letters that contact with the devas can be brought about through specific forms and mantrams and that in this contact lies peril for the unwary. This danger is curiously real now, owing to the following reasons:

a. The coming in of the violet ray, the seventh or Ceremonial Ray, has rendered this contact more easy of attainment than heretofore. It is therefore the ray on which approximation is possible, and in the use of ceremonial and of set forms, coupled to regulated rhythmic movement, will be found a meeting place for the two allied evolutions. In the case of ritual this will be apparent, and psychics are already bearing witness to the fact that both in the ritual of the Church and in that of Masonry this has been evidenced. More and more will this be the case, and it carries with it certain risks that will inevitably work themselves into common knowledge and thus affect in various ways the unwary sons of men. As you know, a definite effort is being made at this time by the Planetary Hierarchy to communicate to the devas their part in the scheme of things, and the part the human family must likewise play. The work is slow, and certain results are inevitable. It is not my purpose to take up with you in these letters the part that ritual and set mantric forms play in the evolution of devas and of men. I only desire to point out that danger for human beings lies in the unwise use of forms for the calling the devas, in experimenting with the Sacred Word with the object in view of contacting the Builders who are so largely affected by it, and in endeavouring to pry into the secrets of ritual with its adjuncts of colour and sound. Later on, when the pupil has passed the portal of initiation, such knowledge will be his, coupled with the necessary information that teaches him to work with the law. In the following of the law, no danger lurks.

b. The race is possessed of a strong determination to penetrate within the veil, and to find out what lies on the other side of the unknown. Men and women everywhere are conscious within themselves of budding powers which meditation enhances. ..... They catch fleeting glimpses of the unknown ..... They see devas at a meeting in which ritual has been employed; they catch a sound or a voice that tells them truths that they recognise as true. The temptation to force the issue, to prolong meditation, to try out certain methods that promise intensification of psychic faculty is too strong.. They unwarily force matters and dire disaster results. One hint here I give: - *In meditation it is literally possible to play with fire.* The devas of the mental levels manipulate the latent fires of the system and thus incidently the latent fires of the inner man. It is woefully possible to be the plaything of their endeavour and to perish at their hands. ..... Beware of playing with fire.

c. This transition period is largely responsible for much of the danger. The right type of body for the holding and the handling of the occult force has not yet been built, and in the interim the bodies now in use but spell disaster to the

ambitious student. When a man starts out to follow the path of occult meditation, it takes well-nigh fourteen years to rebuild the subtle bodies, and incidentally the physical. All through that period it is not safe to tamper with the unknown for only the very strong refined physical body, the controlled stable and equalised emotional body and the properly striated mental body can enter into the subtler planes and literally work with Fohat [Divine Thought or energy], for that is what the occult does. Therefore is the emphasis laid by all wise Teachers everywhere on the Path of Purification, which must precede the Path of Illumination. They lay the emphasis on the building in of spiritual faculty before psychic faculty can be safely permitted; they demand service to the race every day throughout the scope of life before a man may be permitted to manipulate the forces of nature, to dominate the elementals, to co-operate with the devas, and to learn the forms and ceremonies, the mantrams and the key-words, that will bring those forces within the circle of manifestation."
Letters on Occult Meditation A.A.B. *p128-130*

THE HEAVENLY BRIDE

"Quite recently a great individualised deva told us, without explaining, 'Watch for the descent of the Heavenly Bride'.

There are many mystical thoughtforms about angels and the angelic hosts, but very little about their real nature and place in evolution. This is perhaps largely due to the drastic rules laid down by the Logos and implemented by Hierarchy at the destruction of Atlantis.

Little is actually known of Atlantis and humanity of that period, long dominated by the influence of the Fourth Root Race. In order to get a glimpse of the nature of this race, we must step into the realm of fantasy. It is a good exercise to do this because the dawning Sixth Subrace of the Fifth Rootrace will be like Atlantis on a higher turn of the evolutionary spiral.

During the Atlantean culture the range of self-conscious entities varied widely, from those barely above the animal kingdom to those of Second Degree Initiate status. The race as a whole was emotionally polarized and used the mind only as an aid to the satisfaction of desire. Creative thought was demonstrated only by Initiates and the affairs of the planet were run by First and Second Degree Initiates (the Hierarchy of the time) and led by those of the Third Degree.

The entire race of Atlanteans was clairvoyant, on both astral and etheric levels. The invisible kingdoms of nature and the subjective energies and beings not visible to us were part of their lives and were so accepted. Thus, the angelic (deva) kingdom was an objective part of their lives.

The cultures of Atlantis varied widely and, at their best, were far more luxurious and technically advanced than our own, for the leaders, through their understanding of the embodied natural forces, the devas, were able to develop and control inexhaustible energy sources. Anti-gravitational energy and scientific devices which would more than rival our own were common - the gifts of the Masters. (It is known that under Hierarchical control there are underground museums with specimans of such devices preserved for the Aquarian Age at some future date.)

In the latter days of the race, the lesser initiates became divided into those who accepted the teachings of their spiritual leaders and those who refused to take the next evolutionary step. This division grew into open warfare, involving the use of the natural force to a point where loss of control destroyed the cultures, races and even the continents themselves.

The forces of Hierarchy then withdrew from open contact and beneficent control of humanity; clairvoyance was cut off to force humanity to use the mind, and the deva kingdom was separated from communication and direct cooperation with human beings. To the next root race, our own, the devas became merely a mythical ideal. This attitude toward the devas will change rapidly during the

coming decade.

Many dramatic attempts have been made by imaginative writers to describe Atlantis, but few have suspected the reality. The Tales of the *Arabian Nights* are not far from reality. If thoughtful consideration is given to the above paragraphs, it can be seen that conditions portrayed by the *Arabian Nights* may have been possible.

..... The first differentiation from absolute space was the duality *Spirit-Matter*. On our planet, humanity represents the positive aspect or spirit, and the deva kingdom represents the negative aspect, or matter. Since all classifications are relative, humanity is composed of both human and devic elements, and the devas are composed of both devic and human element to some extent. In fact, in the initiate degrees, both kingdoms take incarnations in the other kingdoms in order to learn to work together. (Ordinarily, the deva kingdom is *feminine* to the human's *masculine* energy.)

Thus, the 'Descent of the Heavenly Bride' is the return of the Devic Hierarchy or the descent of the devas into open contact and cooperation with humanity again. This reinstatement of contact began in 1975 at the June Convocation* when nine Devic Masters joined nine human Masters in the organization of the plan for Externalization. Disciples will recall that the Christ is the 'leader and teacher of *angels* and men'.

The new relationship between the devas and humanity requires many experiments whose results are carefully assessed by the Masters. The Atlantean mistakes of the past will not be permitted. The misuse of the devas will either be blocked or the results will be such that misuses will never occur again.

The basic polarity of the planet is the relationship between the devic and human kingdoms. Representing the 'mother' aspect, devas build *all* forms. We have had much contact with the devas in our lives and even with some of the great individualized devas of the Fifth Initiation and beyond, but they did not reveal themselves as individualized until after they were released to communicate in 1975. In most cases they seemed unable to communicate except through color and responses somewhat like unusually intelligent domestic animals, with telepathic response such as we often find in such animals. To be addressed telepathically in *words* was a surprise, particularly by a Deva Master. Indeed, one deva of a great magnetic center was revealed to be a Nirmanakaya, beyond a Master, staying here only to assist Hierarchy and Humanity during the Changeover period.....

Ultimately the goal is for humanity, Hierarchy and the devas to function as one, in a cooperative endeavour to implement the Plan of the Logos, and to build the New Age." *The Rainbow Bridge II p209-214*

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* Each year after the Christ Full Moon the Hierarchy (and disciples in their higher principles) meet in 'Convocation' for the purpose of outlining plans for the coming yearly cycle and encouraging disciples. At the June, 1975 Convocation, for the first time since the destruction of Atlantis, the Devic Hierarchy joined the Human Hierarchy in Convocation.

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